

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for making an outsole having a tread member includes the steps of: (a) preparing an abrasive-resistant blank sheet for the tread member; (b)
5 preparing a mold including lower and upper mold parts separably closed to each other, one of the lower and upper mold parts having a mold cavity, a cavity bottom formed in the mold cavity, and a plurality of tread patterning grooves formed in the cavity bottom; (c)
10 laying the blank sheet on the cavity bottom in the mold cavity to span the tread patterning grooves; (d) introducing a molten foamable material into the mold cavity; and (e) causing the molten foamable material and the blank sheet to undergo cross-linking and
15 foaming reactions under heat and pressure.